

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed April 22, 2005 ("*Office Action*"). Claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-13, 16, 22-25, 28-32, 35-39, and 42 have been allowed. The Examiner rejects Claims 17 and 19-21. Applicants cancel Claims 17 and 19-21. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-13, 16- 22-25, 28-32, 35-39, and 42 by the Examiner.

Consideration of Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants submitted an Information Disclosure Statement dated January 21, 2005. It appears, however, that the Examiner did not consider the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement. Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 609, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider all of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement and, in the event a patent issues on this Application, that these references be printed on the face of the issued patent. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully request a copy of the PTO-1449 form for the Information Disclosure Statement indicating the Examiner's consideration of all of the cited references.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejects Claims 17 and 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,141,347 to Shaughnessy ("*Shaughnessy*"). Applicants cancel Claims 17 and 19-21 without prejudice or disclaimer in order to advance prosecution of the presently allowed material. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in subsequent filings.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place the Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of the Application in any manner, the undersigned Attorney for Applicants stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

No additional filing fees are believed to be due at this time. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any extra fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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